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INDEPENDENCE WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLING FROM BANK

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to embezzling \$25,000 from her employer, US Bank in Blue Springs, Mo.

Sheila A. Rathbun, 48, of Independence, waived her right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to an information that charges her with embezzling from US Bank, 107 W. Main St., Blue Springs.

By pleading guilty today, **Rathbun** admitted that she embezzled \$25,000 from Jan. 1, 2000, to April 19, 2005, while she was employed by the bank as a teller, teller coordinator and vault teller.

Under federal statutes, **Rathbun** could be subject to a sentence of up to 30 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$1 million and an order of restitution. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel M. Nelson. It was investigated by U.S. Secret Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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